



Upcoming Event:

**May 25 – 27,
2017**

**Xavier Board
in Collaboration
with Mount
Carmel College
(Autonomous),
Bangalore**

**Organises
A National
Workshop for
Young Faculty
Members**

From the President's Desk.

*Dear members of the Xavier Board,
As we are in the Easter season,
I wish you all Peace and joy of the Risen Lord.*

I had the privilege of attending the IFCU meeting of the board of Administrators at Racife in Brazil from March 13 – 16, 2017. Most of the members were present. I presented the report of the activities of the XB during the last one year. There was fruitful discussion of the sartorial research activities and the programs IFCU is envisaging during the next one year and also plans afoot for the next General Body meeting in Ireland.

The Xavier Board has conducted fruitful programs for the Principals and Managers and two youth leadership programs. The Executive Committee will meet shortly to evaluate the programs and chalk out new ones.

I wish you all the best in the year end activities. We will keep you informed about the future plans.

Fr. Leslie Moras



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State Level Workshop

The One day State level workshop organised by Mount Carmel College (Autonomous), in association with Xavier Board 'Train the Trainer' was held on Friday, 24th February, 2017. The Inaugural programme began at 9:00 am. with a reading from the Bible, followed by a hand mime for the song "Carry Your Candle". This unique theme dance by Christian Students Association of Mount Carmel College was put up to reinforce the mission of every catholic staff and student to be a light in the darkened world.

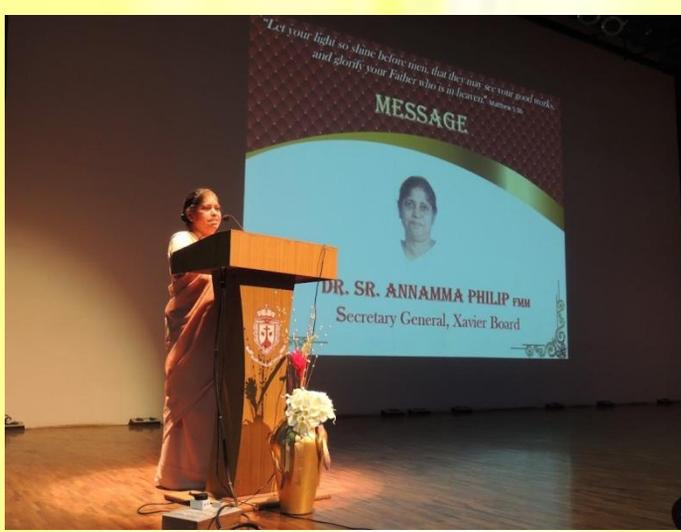


The lighting of the lamp at the Inaugural session

Dr. Sr. Arpana, Principal, Mount Carmel College (Autonomous) and President of Xavier Board-Karnataka Region welcomed the gathering, In her address, the Principal highlighted the objective of the workshop stating that it had been principally designed to motivate every member of the XB core team to be inspired by the person and teachings of Christ so that our catholic educational institutions always remain a place to encounter the living God, who in Jesus Christ reveals His transforming love and truth.

She also emphasised that the workshop would provide an invaluable opportunity for networking and fruitful contacts between colleges so that TOGETHER we can make a difference.





It was then followed by a message by Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip, the Secretary General of the Xavier Board, who loves working with young people and thus spoke about the potential future of a dynamic and visible catholic community sparked by the energy of the youth.

She also spoke about the initiatives and motives of the Xavier Board.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Fr. Joseph Xavier, a recipient of the 'Best Innovative Principal' award, who presented a deeper understanding of the history, presence and activities of the Xavier Board.



A video presentation on the best practices of member colleges was very encouraging and well appreciated. An audio visual treat by the Indian Dance Association of MCC to the song 'Padayatra' depicted the importance of a constant relationship with God.



The inaugural programme came to end with vote of thanks by Ms. Helen.

Mr. Adrienne Stevens was the Resource person for the second session. This session centred around the theme of 'How to live an ordinary life in an extraordinary way', encouraging the audience to spend more time with God and embrace their personal goals with a mission to evangelize. The use of technology for the live poll during the session was greatly appreciated.



There was also a group discussion for which the participants were divided into seven groups. The topics for discussion were focussed on the growth and influence of the Catholic Church in secular settings such as colleges.

In the session that followed, each group presented their thoughts and ideas to the general body. Some of the points that were put forth by the groups were:

- The need to assert and hold on to the Catholic identity amidst a secular world.
- The need for greater guidance not only in matters of academics but also as a missionary.
- The massive influence parenting and home atmosphere, have in instilling catholic values in students.
- To understand the meaning and beauty of the Sacraments and other catholic traditions followed, so as to partake in it with the whole body, soul and mind.
- To empower the students to be examples before others in their conduct, word and thought.

The session after lunch was taken by *Rev. Fr. Casimir* who motivated the audience to elevate and expand themselves for an exponential life by helping them find their identity, understand their true self and take control to respond positively to what life has in store.

An interactive Question and Answer

Session helped the audience to gain greater insights into Fr. Casimir's talk.





The Valedictory function with Rev. Fr. Leslie Moras, President of Xavier Board, as the Chief Guest, began with the a prayer by Dr. Charmaine Jerome.

The invocation song was led by the Christian Students Association's choir. Ms. Vimala welcomed the august gathering.



The thought provoking message by Rev. Fr. Leslie Moras was followed by the distribution of the certificates to all the representatives from various colleges.

The audience dispersed having gained a deeper knowledge and being better equipped as spokespersons for Christ in their respective institutions. The programme came to an end with the Vote of thanks by Dr. Lekha George.



East & North-East Youth Leadership Camp

The 'Youth Leadership Camp' was held at Siloam at Barapani, Shillong from March 16-20, 2017, sponsored by Xavier Board of Higher Education in India for the Catholic Students selected from our Colleges and Universities in East & North-East India with the theme: "*Transformative Leadership for Christian Leadership in XB Member Institutions*".



Organisers and Resource persons at the Inaugural Session

(Fr. George Palamattam, Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip FMM, Dr. Fr. Joy Thomas SVD, Fr. Sebastian Ousepparampil, Dr. Ordetta Mendoza and Dr. Fr. Joseph Nellanatt SDB)



*Daphira M. Pyngrope, Jesus Youth Volunteer
(Playing the Guitar) with participants*



Students in outdoor activity

Together with four resource persons, Fr. George Palamattam SDB, Director of Siloam made everyone live the saying of Abdul Kalam, former President of India, "Education is transformation of self from what I can get to what I can give."

Front row- Fr. Athew (Resource person), Sr. Marina and Sr. Sheela (Staff from Holy Cross College, Agartala) along with Students at a session





Fr. George Plathottam, SDB (Don Bosco College, Tura), Fr. George Palamattam, SDB, (Director, Siloam) and Fr. Bimal Lakra SDB (Don Bosco College, Golaghat) with Student s (participants)



*Dancers
(students -participants), in traditional
attire during cultural programme.*



As announced earlier there was presentation of case studies and practices on environmental issues and interventions. St. Xavier's College, Patna bagged the first prize of Rs. 5000 /- Holy Cross College, Agartala received second prize of Rs.3000/-. Don Bosco College, Golaghat was given a special prize for originality, creativity and communication. Don Bosco College, Maram and Salesian College, Dimapur were given encouragement prizes for their good efforts.



St. Xavier's College, Patna receives the first prize from Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip FMM.

Holy Cross College, Agartala receiving the second prize

Don Bosco College, Golaghat receiving a special prize for originality, Creativity and Communication



Liturgy, rosary and the way of the cross were ably animated and conducted by four Jesus Youth volunteers.



The Students group in Prayer and reflection

Eucharistic Celebration with Dr. Fr. Joy Thomas SVD as the celebrant



Adoration in the chapel ----The Taize Way

Fr. George, the Director had invited the differently abled Children / Students from Ferrando Centre to spend an evening with our College Students. After spending some time together and enriching one another mutually through their performances, we went down to the lake side. A meaningful Way of the Cross jointly prepared by our students and the differently abled students enacted along the lake side was the culmination of the beautiful experience every student carried home.

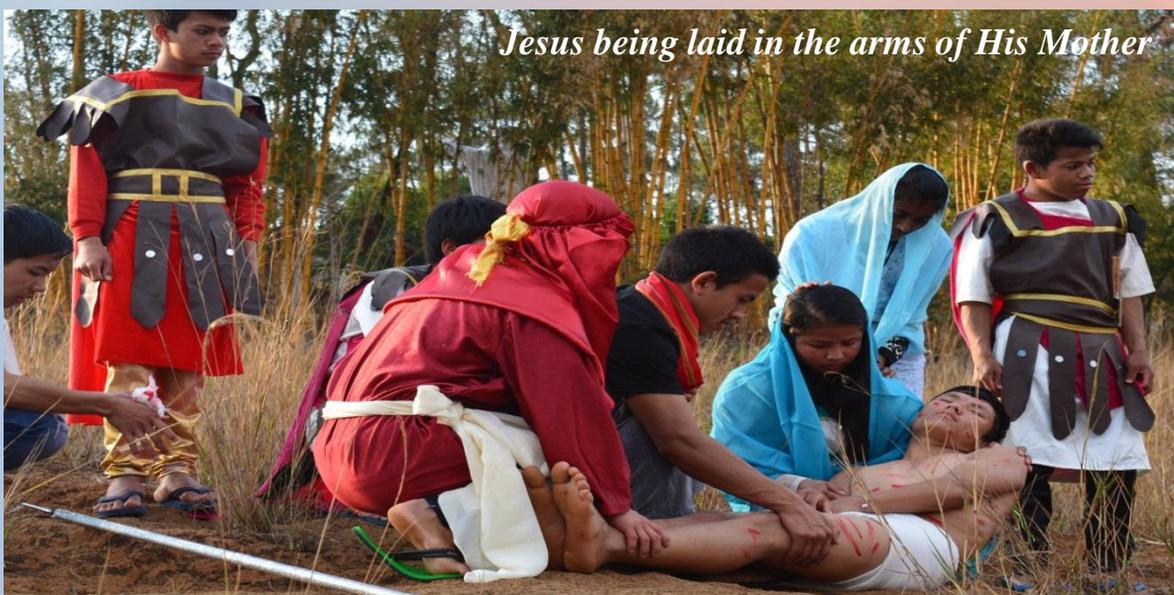


Scene showing Jesus produced before Pilate

Students of the Ferrando Centre enacting the Passion of Christ



Jesus Nailed to the Cross



Jesus being laid in the arms of His Mother

The Teachers who accompanied the students also had a few separate sessions. Dr. Ordetta Mendoza gave a session on “Mentoring” the Students . A session on Professional Ethics- Faculty rights and responsibilities was taken by Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip FMM. There was also an interactive session on College Autonomy and a brief sharing on E-Learning.

Certificate of participation was distributed by the Secretary General during the concluding session.

The visit to Don Bosco Museum at Shillong and lunch there was like icing on the cake. The presence and messages of Most Rev. Dominic Jhala SDB, Archbishop of Shillong, Fr. Dr. Sebastian Ousepparampil, the president of the East and North-East Region of Xavier Board and Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip FMM, the Secretary General of Xavier Board were well appreciated by the faculty and students.



Participants of the Youth Camp in front of the Chapel at Siloam

Students evaluated the program as very fruitful and memorable. They look forward earnestly for the next event, to rekindle the transformative leadership experience they had and strengthen the spiritual motivation to be a Christian catalyst in their institutions.

Upcoming Event

XAVIER BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN INDIA

In Collaboration with

Mount Carmel College (Autonomous), Bangalore(Venue).

Organizes a three day **National Workshop**, for young Faculty members

Theme: Towards Becoming a Teacher Professional

May 25 – 27, 2017

Program Committee & Contact Persons:

Patron: Rev. Fr. Leslie Moras, President, Xavier Board

Program in charge:

Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip FMM, Secretary General, Xavier Board

Dr. Sr. Arpana, Principal, Mount Carmel College (Autonomous), Bangalore &
Joint Secretary, Xavier Board

For **registration and accommodation**, kindly contact Secretary General, Xavier Board National office.

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Announcements:

Annual Report:

Colleges are requested to send the Annual report to Xavier Board Office, before 31st May, 2017.

This report will be used to select a college for Sr. Hedwige Award. Kindly provide the information and events of the current year, restricting the number of pages to 25 - 30. Please send it to Xavier Board of Higher Education in India, 31 Primrose Road, Bangalore 560 025.

For Annual Report format, kindly refer XB website Home page under recognition refer Awards

Scholarships:

Scholarships for deserving students are available. Two scholarships per region Rs. 5000/- per student. Principals are requested to select a deserving student and Consult the regional president / forward the application to the regional president , who in turn, will select two students from the region and forward their applications to the Xavier Board office.

Congratulations to the Winners!!

Presentation on case studies and practices:

In the Academic Year 2016-17, Essay Competition was replaced by Presentation on case studies and practices on environmental issues and interventions.

At the National Youth Convention at Carmel College for Women, Goa, January 2017, ***the top honours*** in the competition of power point presentations on ‘Green Culture and Environmental Initiatives in College Campuses’ went to ***St. Francis Degree College for Women, Hyderabad.***

At the National Youth Leadership Camp, Siloam, Shillong, March 2017 ***St. Xavier’s College, Patna bagged the first prize*** and ***Holy Cross College, Agartala received the second prize .***

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Wishing you a Summer Break,.....

Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip FMM
Secretary General,
Xavier Board of Higher Education in India